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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products September 2015

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary September steel imports were \$2.0 billion (2.5 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary August totals of \$2.1 billion (2.7 million metric tons).

The September change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in hot rolled sheets. Increases occurred primarily in standard rails; plates cut lengths; and blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily with Brazil. Increases occurred primarily with Germany, Russia, and Mexico.

The year to date final statistics through August 2015 showed steel imports of 25.5 million metric tons compared with 26.0 million metric tons through August 2014. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in line pipe; reinforcing bars; and hot dipped sheets and galvanized strip. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Turkey, Brazil, and Germany.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at www.census.gov/trade. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is November 25, 2015.